

gias. One of them was vigorously a long island snout boat, judging from her build. The vessels lay all night at anchor, and on the morning of the 12th the first move was made. The Jersey Blue was lying at the bottom of the fleet from the vessel, and some little anxiety was felt on board when we saw a few of the gunboats stemming off towards Newbern, and we not having yet received our orders. The day was a remarkably fine one, and the consequence was that everybody was in the best of spirits, and the favorable weather was looked upon as a happy omen of the success of the expedition. It was about seven o'clock in the morning when the fleet began to move, and as they started away on their mission they had before the appearance of a flock of birds (that of a hostile army) the gunboats led the way, starting some little time before the others followed. It was at first looked upon, as a serious omen, and

the things of the morning. A messenger that was afraid of being taken and needed no flag of truce to protect him. The first shot having been fired, several of the gunboats that were ranged along the beach commenced shelling the woods, and for about an hour quite a brisk fire was kept up, the sound of the shells as they passed through the thick pine forest being similar to the small stones that are scattered from a train over a bridge. A large volume of smoke rising from the woods indicated the spot where the projectile had struck. It being frequently accompanied by a report as loud as that of the discharge of the gun. While the steamers were thus busy looking off the "back" trees in the woods and preparing anything like an approach to the water by rebel troops, the small boats were being crowded with men

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 further out in the stream. I must not omit to  
 that the Pilot Boy, the flag of Gen. Foster,  
 ran in shore, and the troops on board (Twenty-first  
 regiments) likewise jumped into the water. With  
 an alacrity was the landing effected, that it less than  
 an hour the greater portion of the division was ashore.  
 The regiments gathered around their respective com-  
 manders, and took up a line along the edge of the creek,  
 and was now seen by General Reno to the twenty-first  
 regiments and Fifty first New York to commence the  
 advance, and both regiments rapidly got in motion.  
 It followed as soon as regiments were formed.  
 In order to the advancing regiments were to take the  
 and leading by the troops to a distance of some  
 miles. The last reports of the gunboats at this  
 point. The boat requires the words could be heard

The Tenth third Massachusetts, Colonel Kirtland's brigade led, with the Tenth Connecticut in reserve, supported the line against the eighteen or twenty gun enemy's battery, our forces had only a few pieces of artillery. The rest was on the way, but did not reach in time to participate in the fight. The disposition of our artillery in support of General Foster's positions are as follows.—On the extreme right Executive Officer McKee's battery of horse bowitzers from the 6th Mass., commanded by Captain Bennett, and two companies of the 1st New York Cavalry, were posted on the crest of the hill, facing westward. On the left, the 1st New York Cavalry, commanded by Captain Bennett, his second mate, Mr. [unclear] (captain of the cmb), and twenty of the ship's

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Prize is due to the Fifth Rhode Island regiment (acted), Major Wright, for the gallant manner in which he acted during the fight. It was his first time, no opportunity having been afforded it to him to be in the zone at Rosanoke Island.

News from many of the large gunboats participated in the fight on shore. Lieutenant Oscar Eastmond, U. S. S. Connecticut, volunteered as Lieutenant of Company E, and fought throughout the battle.

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troops did not remain long in contemplation of the field they had so nobly won. After a short rest, which they examined the breastwork with

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